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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



MICROSOFT TASKS JUDGE TO REJECT BREAKUP

By Joel Brinkley

While continuing to reject the antitrust findings against it, Microsoft Corp. offered a series of narrow restrictions on its behavior that it said would be more appropriate remedies than breaking up the company.

Microsoft also asked the judge to throw out the government's breakup proposal immediately, arguing that "the laws and the facts do not support such a radical step." Microsoft's counterproposal is a four-year plan largely governing its relations with computer makers and software developers.

In its court filing, Microsoft said that if the government's breakup plan were adopted, its employees might "leave the company in droves." If that were to happen, Microsoft continued, "the company's entire business would be destroyed."

Such passages seemed intended to warn Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson that splitting up Microsoft would be a dangerous gamble to take with a pillar of the nation's high-technology economy. "We believe there is no basis for the government's unprecedented breakup proposal," said Bill Gates, the company's chairman, "and we are hopeful that the court will dismiss this excessive demand immediately."

The motion for summary rejection

was added unexpectedly to the company's formal response to the remedy proposal offered last month by the Justice Department and 17 states. In the motion, Microsoft argued that since the company achieved its monopoly position by legal means, the government had no right "to dismember Microsoft."

On May 17, the federal and state governments are entitled to reply to Microsoft's filing. At a hearing on May 24, both the government and Microsoft will offer arguments in support of their proposals.



Information Systems Technician Third Class John Bauer (left) saws a wedge even with a pipe he and Information Systems Technician Third Class Mike Finnessey, both of Repair 6/7 Aft, are trying to fix during the pipe patching competition held during yesterday's DC Olympics. (Photo by JO1 (SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

NATIONAL NEWS

GIULIANI AND HIS WIFE TO SEEK SEPARATION

By Elisabeth Bumiller

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's troubled marriage exploded in a public exchange with his wife, Donna Hanover. Giuliani announced that he was seeking a separation from his wife. Hanover, caught unaware, then disclosed that the couple's problems began years ago because of a relationship between the mayor and a member of his staff that she said forced them apart.

At a news conference in Bryant Park, Giuliani added that as he battles prostate cancer he will turn more to the woman he describes as a very good friend, Judith Nathan. He did not say whether he would continue his race for the U.S. Senate against Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Republican speculation about other candidates raced through the city.

"I don't really care about politics right now," Giuliani said. His hands gripped both sides of the lectern tightly as he cast his eyes downward. "I'm thinking about my

family, the people that I love and what can be done that's honest and truthful and that protects them the best," he said.

Later, Hanover appeared outside the gates of Gracie Mansion with a wavering voice and tears in her eyes. "Today's turn of events brings me great sadness. I had hoped to keep this marriage together. For several years, it was difficult to participate in Rudy's public life because of his relationship with one staff member," she said.

STOCK MARKET

The Nasdaq dropped 200.28 points, or 5.59 percent, to 3,384.73. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 168.97 points, or 1.6 percent, to 10,367.78. The S&P 500 fell 29.09 points, or 2.06 percent, to 1,383.05.

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SATURDAY'S STIE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 THAT 70'S SHOW

1100 POLTERGEIST

1630 LAKE PLACID

1800 SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

1930 HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL

2100 EYES WIDE SHUT

CHANNEL 6

1030 SPIN CITY

1100 MY GIANT

1630 TITANIC

1945 CHINATOWN

2200 UNDER THE HULA MOON

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

MILITARY SPOUSE DAY

By Admiral Thomas Fargo, CINPACFLT

The Department Of Defense has designated May 12 as Military Spouse Appreciation Day. This day salutes the valuable contributions of military spouses who make countless personal and professional sacrifices in support of their service members, communities and nation.

Our Navy spouses face many challenges in dealing with the unique demands of Navy life. They have met them with determination, commitment and dedication. Navy spouses provide a vital element of support to our Navy and enable the majority of us to remain mission focused and ready in service to our nation.

My thanks to all our Navy spouses. I encourage all commands to recognize their many contributions each and every day.



Master Chief Electrician's Mate Nazer Lagrimas, locker leader for Repair 6/7 Forward, cheers as he finds out the patch made by Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) Third Class Tom Kaminsky (left) and Air Traffic Controller Airman Robert Apodaca of Repair 6/7 Forward doesn't leak... that much. (Photo by JO1 (SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

MAY 12, 2000

By The Honorable William Cohen, SECDEF

Each year since 1984, the services have set aside a special day to recognize the significant contributions of military spouses.

These women and men are called on every day to go beyond the challenges of most citizens to support the mission of maintaining the peace and security we enjoy in America.

Although the military way of life is rewarding and demanding, it is no small task for military spouses to cope with family separations, frequent moves, and the dangers that accompany deployments.

It is with deep personal gratitude that I offer my heartfelt thanks to every military spouse. Their selfless dedication is a critical element in maintaining the finest fighting force on the earth.



Chief Hull Maintenance Technician Gary Long checks the drawstrings on the hood of a Chemical Protective Overgarment (CPO) suit put on by a participant during Yesterday's Damage Control Olympics held in the Hangar Bay. One event was donning the CPO suit and MCU 2P gas mask. (Photo by JO1 (SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CHINA SAYS SHIELD COULD FORCE BUILDUP

By Erik Eckholm

China's chief arms negotiator said that the U.S. proposal to build an anti-missile defensive shield posed an unacceptable threat to China's security and could force Beijing to significantly expand its own nuclear forces in response.

The Chinese find it hard to believe American claims that the proposed "National Missile Defense" is intended only to counter threats from small "rogue" states like North Korea, said the official, Sha Zukang, in an interview. But whatever the intention, he said, the systems under discussion would destroy China's ability to deter nuclear attack by neutralizing its relatively small force of nuclear missiles.

That would leave China dangerously vulnerable to bullying or attack, said Sha, the Foreign Ministry's Director General for Arms Control. "If that appears likely," he added, "we will not sit on our hands." Sha and other Chinese officials have frequently voiced their strong opposition to U.S. missile defense plans. In an interview however, Sha, who spoke in English, gave the most detailed public warning yet of China's possible military responses, ranging from producing more nuclear warheads to devising ways to undermine the U.S. missile shield. "How can we base our own national security on your assurances of good will?" he asked.

Sha said that a "balance of terror" had kept nuclear peace for decades and remained the only realistic course until such weapons are phased out. The U.S. proposal, he said, would spark a new global arms

race and possibly what he called a "nightmare scenario" of weapons proliferation. China has avoided trying to match the U.S. and Soviet arsenals, instead keeping a small number of missiles as a minimal deterrent, able to retaliate in the event of attack.

SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES:

Chic. Cubs	9	Milwaukee	8
San Francisco	4	St. Louis	3
Philadelphia	8	Montreal	0
Florida	5	Atlanta	3
Cincinnati	5	San Diego	1
Kansas	6	Detroit	0
Texas	7	Seattle	6
Toronto	7	Baltimore	2
Pittsburgh	13	NY Mets	9

BASKETBALL SCORES:

Indiana	97	Philadelphia	89
(Indiana leads series 3-0)			

RESTED TIGER WOODS RETURNS

By Clifton Brown

A little rest usually does Tiger Woods a lot of good. In the past nine months, Woods has taken at least two weeks off on five different occasions and returned to action by winning his next tournament.

After a four-week break, Woods feels confident about the GTE Byron Nelson Classic. Feeling rejuvenated well-rested, Woods said he was over the disappointment of finishing fifth in last month's Masters.

CONGRATULATIONS

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LEAVE PERIODS AND POLICY FOR SAN DIEGO

A leave policy notice for the period 14 July 2000 to 16 January 2001 has been published. It is available on the ship's web page in its entirety and should offer you everything you need to plan for family events and holiday leave.

Ship's Policy:

Every crewmember, officer, enlisted and CPO shall have the opportunity to take 30 days leave during the year after return from deployment.

The unknown information is the ship's underway schedule. It is very much up in the air when the ship will be underway this fall. This is driven by the fact that funding is tight for underway. As we learn more, we'll publish it.

Here are the most important elements.

Post-Deployment Leave and Upkeep Periods: The periods will be divided as follows:

> 14 July - 24 July: This is an underway leave period during transit to CONUS from Hawaii. Leave is highly encouraged to make room for Tigers riding to CONUS.

- The individual is responsible for obtaining their own flight to CONUS from Hawaii.
- Department Heads must ensure sufficient personnel on board to carry out the underway routine safely.
- Department heads may append this leave to Leave and Upkeep Period #1.

> 24 July - 8 August: Leave and Upkeep period #1

- Up to 50% of any department on leave.
- 4 Section duty.
- Workday will be duty days only.
- 8 August is a turnover day and a normal workday.

> 9 August - 24 August: Leave and Upkeep Period #2

- Up to 50% of any department on leave.
- 4 Section Duty
- ½ day workday (0700 - 1200)
- 8 August is turnover day and normal workday.
- Commence 8 Section Duty 25 August.

Thanksgiving Period: This is not an official Leave and Upkeep period. However, the current schedule and the holiday dates support a more relaxed leave policy than normal in port circumstances. The policy will be as follows:

>17 - 26 November

- Presently no underway period scheduled.
- 8 Section Duty.
- 20% of any duty section on leave
- > 23 - 26 November
- Duty Section only (Note: Friday off)
- 8 Section Duty.
- 20% of any duty section on leave

Christmas Holiday Leave and Upkeep Periods: The periods will be divided as follows:

> 16 - 27 December 2000

- 4 Section Duty.
- Up to 50% of any department on leave.
- Full workday 16 - 21 December.
- Duty Section only 22 - 27 December
- 28 December is turnover day, normal workday.

> 29 December 2000 - 15 January 2001

- 4 Section Duty
- Up to 50% of any department on leave.
- Duty Section only 22 December 2000 - 1 January 2001
- Full work day 2 January 2001 - 15 January 2001
- Commence 8 Sections (or more) 16 January 2001
- 28 December is turnover day, normal workday

Other notes:

- Leave may be taken at other times. When the ship is in port, we will allow up to 10% of the ship's company on leave.
- Leave may be granted when the ship is underway only for very, special circumstances. Each request will be considered on a case by case basis
- Liberty and the daily routine during periods outside the leave and upkeep is being discussed. We should have that information in the next newsletter.
- Personnel with negative leave balances will not normally be authorized regular leave.
- Emergency leave may be authorized at any time in accordance with Navy Policy.

A final note, due to the deployment, personnel will be able to carry up to 90 days of leave on the books as of 1 October. That means, no one should have to lose leave this year. That said, this year will be a great time to plan and take that special trip with your whole family. Take advantage of being home to take the leave that's been earned.

AVIATION SAFETY MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2000

What can we look at to safeguard against mishaps?

One thing is to overcome the cultural attitudes that still exist in our profession. Things like the reluctance to say no, or the old "can do spirit" that sometimes overshadows sound judgement. How many times have we all heard the expression "that's the way we've always done it"? Some things will never change unless you have the courage and leadership to stand up and say, "This is not a good idea" or "I'm not comfortable with this". There are many causes of risk such as environmental influences, stress, OPTEMPO, and human nature to name a few. The mother of risk, however, is "change". When you change how, what, where or when you do something, you've incurred a certain amount of increased risk. Operational Risk Management is not just an expression, it's a way of thinking and doing. It can save your Life.

Managing Situational Awareness (SA) in the flight station?

Over 60 Percent of Class A mishaps involve aircrew error. A major contributor is the loss of SA. Sheryl Chappell of the NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System, discusses skills to improve SA. In her article, "Managing Situation Awareness on the flight deck."

"Consider this: We've all been taught to Aviate, Navigate, and Communicate, in that order. To succeed you must be aware of three things: The Plane (systems, limitations, NATOPS, SOP), the Path (route of flight, mission, environment), and the People (crew, Wing, ATC). In order to fully be aware of what is happening, you must monitor and evaluate the "three P's" now, as well as anticipate and consider contingencies for what may happen in the future. The current and future state of the Plane, Path and People is your overall plan. Effective monitoring requires that you be aware of what you need and ignore everything else. How? You must Balance your time between focus on the broad region (big Picture), focus on a narrow region (details), and finally focus on the right information (don't get sidetracked or distracted). Evaluation requires comprehending and assessing the info attained in monitoring. This gives you SA in the current state. Just as important is looking towards the future state of the Plane, Path and People. While you obvi-

ously can't see into the future you can, through strong SA, anticipate the future by projecting the present into the future and considering contingencies. Play the "what if game" in your aircraft and ensure crew awareness. (A good example is fuel planning with unforecasted winds and the options that you must consider.)

As your flight progresses you must continuously update the plan and demonstrate adaptability and flexibility as you adjust to the dynamics involved. Knowing what some of the traps are that reduce SA, can help you maintain your SA. Focus on the right information at the right time (prioritize). Watch out when you're busy or bored (remain vigilant and communicate). Beware of habits (habit patterns can take over at the wrong time). Expectation can reduce SA (anticipation). Automation keeps secrets. Distractions can be fatal. How do you build your crystal ball (SA)? Manage crew awareness (communication, leadership, and back each other up). Gather info then make a decision. Create reminders (hold the checklist, use your RADALT for setting assigned altitudes, use outer marker aural as reminder to contact tower). In summary, to manage your situational awareness you should:

- Focus attention on details while keeping the big picture
- Anticipate, stay ahead of the aircraft
- Consider contingencies, have a plan for the "what if's"
- Practice good crew management, clearly define who does what, when
- Have a plan for distractions, especially malfunctions
- Use your entire crew
- Create reminders
- Communicate"

A couple of observations from our Safety Survey teams from this past month for squadron maintainers:

- Ensure proper control of pre-expended bins have been established (i.e. Hi-Lo limits).
- Remove and replace all etched/scratched lenses on cranial goggles. Mark them with indelible ink.
- On CD ROM publications, ensure that CD ROM labels are made to properly identify IRACs that have been published after the CD-ROM was made.
- Ensure ordnance certification physical due dates are added to the MMP.